



Week 2 Assignment #1 – Research Questions and Data Matrix

Directions

You will type your responses on a separate Word document that you create. To submit your assignment, you will click on the open button, attach your work, and submit.

Use the rubric on the final page of this document to guide your work.

This assignment will establish research questions and data matrix for your *Action Research Proposal*, which is due in Week 5.

In Week 1, you identified a general topic for your Action Research Proposal. You will begin this assignment by providing a primary and two related or secondary questions for the topic you are researching.

For your *Action Research Proposal*, you need to collect and use data from at least four sources to answer your research questions.

Complete the information requested below for *each of your four data sources*.

Primary Research Question:

Secondary Research Question:

Data Source

Identify Data Source:

Data type:

___ Quantitative

___ Qualitative

Briefly describe how this data will be collected:

Briefly describe how this data relates to your research question:

(Provide the same information for each of your four data sources.)

Rubric

Use the following Rubric to guide your work on Week 2 Assignment #1.

Tasks ↓	Accomplished 10-8 points	Proficient 7-6 points	Needs Improvement 5-0 points
Research Questions	The primary research question is well focused, and may be answered with research. Two secondary questions are related to and investigate some specific aspect of the primary question.	Questions are focused and specific. The primary and secondary questions may seem more like three independent questions based on a common topic.	Research questions are not well focused, overly general, or do reasonably answerable with action research.
DATA SOURCES 1-4 Data source and data type identified	Data source and data type agree, and should reasonably be considered within the scope of the researcher's control for his/her professional assignment.	Data source, data type and researcher access identified but at least one aspect requires additional explanation.	Data source and data type do not agree, or are not reasonable within the scope of the researcher's control for his/her professional assignment.
Describe data collection process	Sufficient description to expect data may be collected.	Data collection process partially described, but unclear for the research professional assignment.	Description of data collection is not reasonable for the researcher's professional assignment.
Relate to research question	Data is linked to and should reasonably answer the research question.	Data is linked to and may answer the research question.	Data is not linked, or will not reasonably answer the research question.